



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact – August 3, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- The dates for the next FirstNet committee and board meetings have changed from September 22-23 to October 1-2. The meetings will be at FirstNet headquarters in Reston, VA.
- On 7/29, we marked the one year anniversary of our first initial State consultation meeting. That milestone event was held in Annapolis, Maryland. Three more pilots followed in Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington. We have continued to evolve, adjust, and learn as we listen to stakeholders and hear use cases in each state and territory. Read more and check out the group photo collage in our [blog](#).
- We have begun receiving preliminary data collection efforts from a few states. Please use [datacollection@firstnet.gov](mailto:datacollection@firstnet.gov) for these early submissions. Any questions related to this process can be directed to the same email address.
- We held our initial state consultation meeting in California last week. Last week, we also met with representatives from the DHS Federal Protective Service agency, the US Coast Guard, and the Transportation Security Administration regarding the FirstNet federal consultation data request. We finished the week participating on a panel with the FCC and DHS at the Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute (IJIS) Mid-Year Meeting.
- This week, we have initial consultation meetings scheduled with Pennsylvania and the U.S. Department of Labor. FirstNet is also participating in the EMS PINNACLE 2015 conference
- To date, FirstNet has held 43 consultation meetings involving more than 2,600 public safety representatives. Future consultations are confirmed for: Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1), New Jersey (9/3), Alaska (9/9), Arizona (9/15), Virginia (9/30), CNMI (10/20), Guam (10/22) and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).
- Comments on the FirstNet Special Notice and draft Request for Proposals documents closed on July 27. FirstNet received more than 175 comments, capabilities statements, and Operational Architecture inputs into the RFP. Check out the [blog](#) for more.

## **From the PSAC and States/Territories**

- Our Government Affairs team will be in Seattle this week for the National Council of State Legislatures Legislative Summit and will then join the Oregon and Washington SPOCs to meet with other state leadership in both states.
- In other states, this week we will be participating in the Missouri State Sheriffs' Association Training Conference and the Tennessee Consolidated Network for Emergency Communications and Technology conference.

## **Media Watch**

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### *Traditional Media*

FirstNet media coverage was heavier than last week, with stories about draft RFP and Special Notice comment submissions, the initial consultation meeting in California, and Industry Day. The FirstNet blog on the in-vehicle mobile communications research and development work continued to receive media coverage.

## **Urgent Communications: FirstNet: Jeff Bratcher Talks About New Technical Job Opportunities in Boulder Office**

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-jeff-bratcher-talks-about-new-technical-job-opportunities-boulder-office>

Jeff Bratcher, deputy chief technology officer (CTO) for FirstNet, outlines the job opportunities that will become available in the organization's CTO office, which is based in Boulder, Colo.

## **Radio Resource: NPSTC Submits Comments on FirstNet Draft RFP**

<http://www.radioresourcemag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/12372>

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) submitted comments on the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) draft request for proposals (RFP) and provided recommendations on certain elements.

### **Techwire.net: July 28-30: U.S. Public Safety Broadband Network Meeting in Sacramento**

<https://www.techwire.net/u-s-public-safety-broadband-network-meeting-in-sacramento-on-july-28-30/>

Representatives from the First Responder Network Authority – FirstNet — will be in Sacramento beginning today as a part of a three-day meeting to communicate the latest information on development of the U.S. public safety broadband network.

### **GCN (blog archive): FirstNet Foresees In-Vehicle Units For Remote Comms**

<http://gcn.com/blogs/pulse/2015/07/firstnet-mcu.aspx>

One of the challenges for FirstNet, the nationwide LTE public safety broadband network, will be providing coverage for responders in remote locations or otherwise out of range of terrestrial coverage.

### **TR Daily: FirstNet Cites Consultation Progress**

Since it held its first initial state consultation meeting in Maryland a year ago today (TRDaily, July 29, 2014), the First Responder Network Authority has held a total of 43 such meetings with states and territories, including with California today. “Moving forward, we are on track to complete initial consultation meetings in all 56 states and territories by the end of Fall 2015,” Dave Buchanan, FirstNet’s director-state consultation, said in a blog posting. “But as we have said many times before, consultation is not a single event, nor does it end with this meeting. State consultation is an iterative, ongoing collaboration between FirstNet and regional, state/territory, local, and tribal stakeholders. After completing the initial meetings, FirstNet intends to follow up with each state and territory beginning in 2016 to verify the results from the data collection effort and to engage with them on additional topics, such as priority and pre-emption, security, and training according to each state and territory’s needs.”

## *Web and Social Media*

Steady growth continued for most of FirstNet social media accounts. Twitter went from 2,465 to 2,496 followers; LinkedIn went from 835 to 842 users; YouTube went from 127 to 143 subscribers; Google+ stayed the same at 49 users. A key FirstNet blog entry this week – “Reflecting on One Year of Initial Consultation Meetings and Planning for the Next” – was covered in trade publications and was the subject of social media discussions. All blog posts can be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.